

NOTICES

The Department of Botany, Smithsonian Institution, was recently asked by the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to produce an updated, revised, and corrected edition of the *National List of Scientific Plant Names*, which was originally issued by the Service in 1971. The Department of Botany has agreed to undertake the revision of this checklist and looks forward to bringing the list to the attention of a much wider circle of botanists and conservationists.

A special support staff has been assembled to work on this project for a period of two years, after which the Soil Conservation Service and Smithsonian Institution will publish the results as an authoritative catalogue of correct scientific names of all vascular plant taxa (including subspecies and varieties) in North America, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

In the process of revising the list, intensive use will be made of the periodical literature and floras which have appeared in the intervening years since 1971. A very significant aspect of this work will be our invitation to the taxonomic community to participate in this endeavor. We will be soliciting the highly valued cooperation of numerous botanical colleagues early in 1978.

The need for a standard, efficiently produced, and more widely available checklist of North American vascular plants has long been felt by all. The opportunity now exists for filling this vacuum with a publication in a reasonable amount of time. In the published revision, full acknowledgment will be given to the people making individual contributions of data.

Please address your correspondence regarding the checklist to: The Chairman, Department of Botany, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560.

The magnifications given in the legend of the illustrations of *Marsilea mucronata* (SIDA 7:219, 1977) should be changed to 10X and 1.25X.
